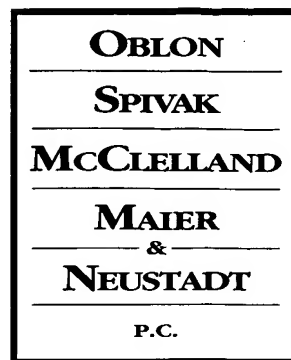




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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 18, 2006, Applicants elect with traverse Claims 1-5 and 13-16. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

In addition to making this election, Applicants respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement for the reason that MPEP § 803 states:

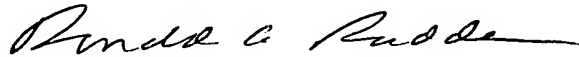
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner, whereas it would clearly be burdensome on Applicants to be required to file, prosecute and maintain separate applications and patents on the identified.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present Restriction and Election of Species Requirement be withdrawn and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-5, 13-16, 24, and 25 be conducted.

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